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1. SINGAPORE DCM INFORMS US THAT RECENT QUADRILATERAL TALKS (REFTEL) ON IMPLEMENTATION OF STRAITS SEPARATION SCHEME WERE PRELIMINARY IN NATURE AND SIMPLY PART OF ON-GOING DIALOGUE. JAPAN CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR FIVE-YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD FOR UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE PROVISIONS WHILE STRAITS STATES OFFERED TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS BEGINNING AT TIME OF JAPANESE REQUEST LAST NOVEMBER. STRAITS STATES WERE, HOWEVER, AMENABLE TO SWEETENING THE PACKAGE BY WIDENING CHANNEL FOR LOADED TANKERS TRAVELING TO JAPAN AT EXPENSE OF CHANNEL FOR RETURNING TANKERS.

2. SINGAPORE DCM COMMENTED THAT BOTH HIS AND MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENTS WERE WILLING TO GRANT JAPAN TRANSITION PERIOD "CLOSE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO FIVE YEARS" BUT INDONESIA WAS HOLDING OUT FOR SHORTER PERIOD. HE WAS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN WHY INDONESIA HAD HARDENED ITS HERETOFORE MODERATE POSITION ON STRAITS SEPARATION SCHEME.

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